

Charles "Charlie" Ford

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Surfside Beach.....

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Charles W. Ford, 76, passed away at home in Surfside Beach, SC on January 13, 2022 after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Charlie was born in Petersburg, VA to Mr. and Mrs. Kiah T. Ford, Jr. on August 16, 1945. The family moved to Lynchburg in 1947. He graduated from E. C. Glass High School in 1963 and began his undergraduate studies at Hampden-Sydney College, where he was a proud Sigma Nu. During his years at college his friends set him up on a blind date with a Longwood girl, Patricia Diehr.

He graduated from H-SC in 1967 and moved to Richmond, VA to study dentistry at the Medical College of Virginia. Charlie and Pat were married in 1969. Upon graduation from medical school, he was an Army Captain serving as a dentist at Fort Gordon in Augusta, GA. Dr. and Mrs. Ford returned to Lynchburg, VA where he practiced dentistry for over 30 years.

Upon retirement, Charlie and Pat moved to their beach home in Surfside Beach, SC where they have lived since 1999. A devoted Christian, Charlie

was an active member of All Saints Parish in Pawleys Island, serving in Children's Ministry, ushering, Island Grace Cafe, Lay Eucharistic Ministry and delivering home communion to shut-ins.

Charlie is survived by his wife of 52 years, Pat Ford. He is also survived by two beloved daughters, Laurie Ford of Wilmington, NC and Karey Garrison (David) of Madison Heights, VA; grandchildren Peter and Mary Elizabeth, also of Madison Heights; brother Kiah T. Ford, III (Jean) and sister Helen Ford all of Lynchburg, VA; nephews, cousins and friends.

Outside his profession in dentistry, Charlie was an accomplished magician. He was a member of the Hill City Magicos in Lynchburg from the time he was a boy until he moved to South Carolina and joined The Grand Strand Magician's Society.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10:00 AM on Monday, January 17, 2022 at All Saints Church, Pawleys Island with the Reverend Robert L. Grafe officiating. Interment will be private in the All Saints Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Charlie's name to All Saints Church at <https://www.allsaintspawleys.org/> or mail to the Church address at 3560 Kings River Road Pawleys Island, SC 29585.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is assisting the family.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

All Saints Church
Pawleys Island, SC 29585

Tribute Wall

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“ We have “magical” memories of working with Charlie at Island Grace Cafe for over seven years. He was one of God’s gifts to us! Peace love and blessings to the family! Sue & Sam

Sam Moss - January 15, 2022 at 08:20 AM

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Charlie was my city "cousin" growing up in Lynchburg during the '50's ~ R.I.P. Charlie
Sam Watts; Rustburg, Va.

Sam Watts - January 16, 2022 at 02:48 PM

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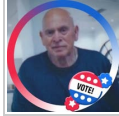
Sorry to hear the news on Dr. Ford. I am grateful to him for a lifetime of good dental health. He had a unique style in which he gave you a dental lesson while working on you and he eliminated anxiety by telling you exactly what was coming. Away from dentistry he seemed to love the acting on soap operas and doing magic. He was a great guy.

Stuart Porter - January 16, 2022 at 08:50 PM

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Charlie was a fraternity brother of mine at Hampden Sydney College. He was a good friend and frisbee as he was known at college was always willing to help us at any time. He will be missed by all his friends and I am sure by all of his fraternity brothers even though we have not been together for many years I've visited Charlie a few years ago and it seemed like we had never been separated from college I hope his brother his wife Patsy and his children will know that he was loved by many and that their grief will be comforted. I was known by Charlie as frog Which was my nickname in college.

George Talbot - January 18, 2022 at 06:19 PM



Charlie and I were close friends and Sigma Nu fraternity brothers at Hampden-Sydney. It eases the sorrow of this loss to be able to share so many good memories with those who knew him during college. He was always like a real brother...eager to help and share. Fun loving, positive, determined, If you were down, he could make you smile...if you were happy, he would help you celebrate. Patsy was his perfect match! I pray that a flood of memories and love will wash the tears from her eyes, and ease us all. That's what Charlie would want...to see us embrace the joy of having been his friend and then to carry his memory with us as we all take our long walk home to what Sigma Nus call "the Chapter Eternal." The world is a less magical now, Charlie, but on this crisp, cold night the stars seem to sparkle brighter than ever.

Thomas Woodall - January 18, 2022 at 07:36 PM



*I am so very sorry to hear of Charlie's passing. I have such wonderful memories of earlier times at the Fine Arts Center and so much activity with the family - all wonderful, memorable times. Please take care, be at peace and know Charlie is continuing his journey. Much love to all,
Pam (Ashworth) Nowell*

Pamela Ashworth Nowell - January 19, 2022 at 02:57 PM